



CENTRAL OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

District Board Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024, 7:00pm

MNP Tournament Room 1, Kelowna, BC

MINUTES

APPROVED (as is/~~as amended~~): October 09, 2024 Motion #1142

CALL TO ORDER: Roll Call

Steve Steed, COYSA Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:59pm

Present: Curtis Morcom (Bookkeeper), Al Ryder (Referees), Sheryl Turner (Administrator)

Voting Members Present:

Bob Hackman	Cam Dakin	Melissa Wandt
Megan Purnell	Nolan Belanger	Stefane Morin

Total Votes = 6

Regrets: Stuart Wright, Matt Smith (Discipline)

PRESENTATION OF AGENDA

APPROVAL of MINUTES of the June 13, 2024 and August 08, 2024 COYSA board meetings

September 12, 2024 Motion #1140 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2024 COYSA Board meeting as presented.

September 12, 2024 Motion #1141 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the August 08, 2024 COYSA Board meeting as presented.

BUSINESS: CARRIED FORWARD / NEW BUSINESS

Proposed COYSA Bylaw changes for 2024 COYSA AGM:

- Adding a Past Chair role as part of the Board of Directors

PART 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1) a)

ADD vi) Past COYSA Chair (non-voting)

RATIONALE: Enables easier transition, better/more open communication, acknowledges history from one Board to the next. All in agreement to put this forward.

- Voting structure

PART 5: MEETINGS 4) Voting at Annual Meeting of the Members:

Current: At Meetings of the Members, an Active Member shall have 1 (one) vote. No Member shall have more than 1 (one) vote. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

CHANGE: At meetings of the Members, an Active Member shall have 1 (one) vote for every 1,000 (one thousand), or part thereof, registered players. Second vote at 2,000. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

RATIONALE: Same format/in line with our governing body.

Talks of more Clubs merging. Concerns votes get lost. Is it beneficial to merge? Same number of teams but eliminates numbers for boards. Also reduces choice for families. Still have area based teams. What was it like with fewer Clubs years ago? More bureaucratic now. Kelowna City's report has great questions but should've checked us out before demanding to be brought in. One Club not possible with private organizations.

Proportionate voting system would be one vote per registered player. Smaller Clubs have more voice now than those with more players. Can't have one Club dictate how we work. If 4 smallest Clubs went together, it's less kids than next smallest Club but is less than a quarter of total registration. Current Board is the most logical in memory, appear to be here for the right reasons but who knows about future boards. Have to protect smaller Clubs but also have to protect the larger group. Voting structure can be changed any time. Take to Clubs.

Policies (forfeits, tournaments, pickups) – Need new and revamped policies. Teams missing to go to tournaments – against policy. No rescheduling even if teams agree. Need consequences. Pickup from U12 allowed if Club does ID cards. House cannot pick up from TOYSL teams. There is something from BCSA about cards. Policies to be tackled by new Board in December. (NOTE after meeting: BCSA was not about ID cards; it's about game sheets needed U11+ next season).

Players not in good standing – Some registering, playing, not paying. Then registering in another Club. We've no policy or system; no way of knowing. Could have a list/google sheet accessible to Admins. Policy could include fine to be paid prior to registering elsewhere. Fine amount = what they owe. Add to policy list.

ID cards – Is there an option to go electronic? Game sheets too? Best for new Board.

League changes per email circulated by Melissa

Playing Pyramid will consist of the following levels from lower level to higher level; *Italics is document circulated.*

Grassroots B (beginner) aka recreation/house

Grassroots A (academy) aka development

TOYSL

BCSPL

- *Teams at U-10 thru to U-13 will have a maximum of one team per club of each gender, permitted to play in the Grassroots A (academy) level per season. If a club chose to not register a team to play at any of these age groups, then for that year there will be a round robin open to all clubs who wish to play a second team to compete for the open spot.*
- *Teams in the U-14 through to U-18 age groups will participate in a round-robin tournament no later than one week before the start of league play. This tournament will determine the top 4 teams in each age and gender category. Only the top 4 teams will qualify to compete in TOYSL for that year, while the remaining teams will compete in the Grassroots A (academy). This process will repeat annually.*
- *The club holding the current BCSPL licence in the Okanagan has the authority to offer an invitation to any COYSA member to the BCSPL tryouts. No COYSA club has the right to withhold the player from BCSPL tryouts.*
- *Tryouts and/or Evaluations for all COYSA clubs must be held no earlier than one week after the BCSPL teams' tryouts. This timing ensures for proper team formations.*

BCSPL evaluations done after provincials. Can ask they be done by mid/end of July. Then Clubs hold theirs. U11/12 will not be in 2025 TOYSL. Still Sundays. One game (2x30) per week. Maybe U13 in COYSA? Not enough teams. Majority say keep U13 in TOYSL. With fall a constant struggle, can we change? End all in June. Recreation Spring only. Fall for academy/development U10+ players. If recreation players want more, attend skills programs. TOYSL games start first of April but fields not open prior for a seeding tournament. With a fall system, round robin could determine advancement to TOYSL. Unsuccessful would play against each other in COYSA Development. Limiting teams to TOYSL can be looked at later. Not everything has to be done at once. Take to Clubs: Spring only for 2025; Fall only for newly formed 2026 outdoor academy/development teams.

CHAIR REPORT – written report.

BOOKKEEPER REPORT – written report. Changing season will mean new fee structures. This year was light on regular COYSA. May have surplus from indoor. Turf rentals go into field fund. Final invoices sent yesterday; please pay by end of September for year end. Indoor registration is about \$3,000 ahead of same time last year. Will have draft budget with options for October. Big hike in BCSA/CSA fees coming. Benefit of belonging to BCSA? Provincials, ability to play other communities. No benefit to littles but it's either all in or all out. Next year LCYSA's U6 will be in City programs.

REFEREE REPORT – Fewer refs in fall. Will we cover kit and course costs next season? Sponsorship would be valuable. Waited five games before reimbursing. Getting ready for next year. No longer online so gym and field space needed. Will cost more. Some time at MNP but not enough. Has permission to break up some courses. Old badges and pins were in Mom's belongings.

DISCIPLINE REPORT – written report.

CLUB REPORTS

OFC – All going well.

8:14pm Megan left.

KU – Planning for dome up October 05, need manpower/volunteers; big undertaking. BCSPL's schedule out four weeks late. New contracts for dome usage. Can TDs attend COYSA meetings? Best if they met with each other, not here. Heard OFC's making players commit and not finish with house. Admin will remind all.

KYSA – Summer camps had lower numbers. Same at KU. Hockey camps at MNP also way down. Economy is bad.

LCYSA – Still black uniforms. Finished tryouts. November 06 AGM: pizza party, prizes, trying to increase attendance.

WYSA – Working things out with new TD. Still transitioning from old Admin leaving. Starting indoor in November. Are camps covered for insurance? Yes. Only report to BCSA if more than 10 consecutive days. Any restrictions/requirements for 10/11/12 development for kits ie do they need a home/away? No, it's a COYSA league.

KCITY – Written report. Please look over questions. These points should be for a Chair meeting. Next COYSA Chair will probably have one.

RYSA – Coaches appreciation at AGM to get numbers for gaming grants. CDT went well, already planning 2025.

ADJOURNMENT 8:50pm

NEXT MEETINGS:

- **WEDNESDAY**, October 09 @ 7:00pm (last meeting of this current Board unless something comes up)
- Thursday, November 28 @ 7:00pm (COYSA AGM is for one person from each Club-may or may not be you; Club decision):
- Thursday, December 12 @ 7:00pm (first meeting of next COYSA Board)